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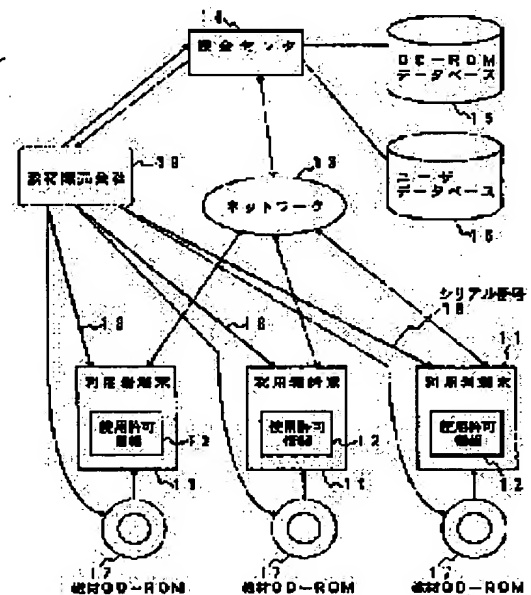
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(54) PROGRAM USAGE TARIFF CHARGING SYSTEM

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a program usage tariff charging system with which a program distributed by a CD-ROM can be used only by acquiring a program usage right just for the time of usage desirable for a user before usage from a program presenter through a network without adding any expensive hardware and the program provider enables charging to the user, based on the program usage right.
CONSTITUTION: Concerning the system composed of a user terminal 11 having a CD-ROM drive device and a charging center 14 connected with that terminal 11 through a network 13, when executing the program ciphered and stored in the CD-ROM, the terminal 11 acquires usage permission information 12 from the charging center 14 through the network 13 while using any regular method and, based on the conditions described in that usage permission information 12, the program stored in the CD-ROM is deciphered and executed.



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